

## **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

*IDHW v. Doe (2016-27)*, Docket No. 44285

In an appeal from Boundary County, the Supreme Court affirmed the magistrate court's judgment terminating John Doe's parental rights to his son, J.M. The Court concluded that the magistrate court did not abuse its discretion when it denied Doe's motion to disqualify the magistrate judge because Doe failed to show prejudice or improper bias. The Court disregarded Doe's claims of evidentiary error because Doe failed to argue the alleged errors affected his substantial interests. The Court determined Doe's claims that the magistrate court improperly considered matters outside of the record were without merit or not supported by argument or authority. Finally, the Court concluded that there was substantial and competent evidence in the record to support the magistrate court's decision.